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FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3223

INFO AMEMBASSY MADRID

C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 0583

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CASC, LY

SUBJECT: WILLIAM THOMAS CASE

1. DIRECTOR NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS SHAABAN INFORMED ME TODAY THAT THOMAS CASE HAD BEEN RESOLVED AND THAT THOMAS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE WITHIN "A FEW DAYS" AND THAT I WOULD RECEIVE FURTHER NOTIFICATION FROM OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS IN MFA. HE ADDED THAT ALL PROCEEDINGS IN JUSTICE MINISTRY HAD BEEN HALTED. SHAABAN CLAIMED WITH STRAIGHT FACE THAT VIGOROUS PERSONAL INTERVENTION OF UNDER SECRETARY DURDAH WITH THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT. HE DID NOT REFER TO MY MEETING WITH QADHAFI IN THIS CONNECTION NOR DID I.

2. I ALSO PASSED TO SHAABAN LATEST INFORMATION ON CASE OF LIBYAN STUDENT DEATH AND TOLD HIM THAT THIS WAS IN RESPONSE TO A DIRECT INQUIRY FROM COLONEL QADHAFI. HE MADE NO COMMENT OTHER THAN TO WONDER IF I SHOULD TAKE IT DIRECTLY TO RCC HEADQUARTERS, BUT THEN AGREE TO FORWARD IT THROUGH CHANNELS.

3. I BELIEVE ON BASIS FORMAL NOTIFICATION BY MFA THAT CASE HAS BEEN RESOLVED AND I AM MILDLY OPTIMISTIC THAT WE CAN MOVE THOMAS OUT OF THERE WITHIN A WEEK OR TEN DAYS.

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4. FOR MADRID: PLEASE TELL MRS. THOMAS WE EXPECT HER
HUSBAND TO BE LEAVING SHORTLY.
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